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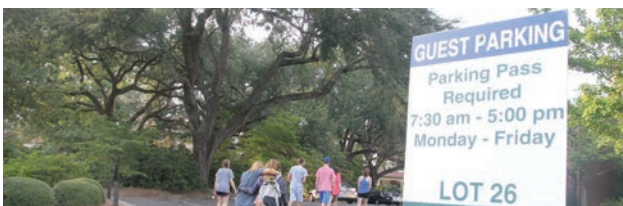
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## Changes to GC campus parking plan greet returning faculty, staff and students

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After years of complaints from Georgia College students, faculty and staff about parking on campus, GC Parking and Transportation services decided to act on the issue of scarce parking around campus during the summer of 2017.

“We are just trying to get people from where they are to where they are going,” said John Bowen, senior manager of GC Parking and Transportation Services.

Bowen said it was time for the parking plan to be reviewed because over ten years had passed since the previous plan was implemented. Susan Allen, vice president of finance and administration, assembled a parking task force in February 2017.

Composed of various interest groups on

campus, including Auxiliary Services and Organizational Development, University Senate, Staff Council, SGA, University Housing and Facilities Operations, the task force was directed to work with the City of Milledgeville to solve existing challenges and better GC parking for all who use it.

The task force altered multiple lots around the university.

The Adams lot has shifted from a shared resident and employee lot to solely employee parking. The Kilpatrick lot, previously commuter and employee parking, is now also strictly an employee lot. The former perimeter parking spots in the West Thomas Street lot have been reassigned as commuter parking.

The Old Courthouse and Mayfair lots now contain only guest parking spaces. An additional residential gravel parking lot is being added to the Centennial parking lot right behind the Depot.

Alongside adjustments to campus

parking, the City of Milledgeville has taken action as well. Spaces along Montgomery and Clarke Street that were not previously time sensitive will now be limited to two-hour parking.

“We needed to right wrongs from the past,” said Hank Griffeth, Milledgeville City Planner. “We’ve developed two-hour, controlled spots with the efforts to create more spaces for the commuter students.”

The parking task force hopes that implementing forced turnover in these public spaces will transfer the once employee-filled spaces to student-occupied spaces.

Tony Alcarria, senior lecturer of Spanish and Italian, said he approves of the modifications to employee parking.

“I have definitely noticed there haven’t been as many problems trying to find parking now as there have been in the past,” said Alcarria.

Sophomore Alison Jarvis, an early

childhood education major, reacted differently to the parking changes.

“Teachers didn’t need more parking,” Jarvis said. “I pass by the employee lot next to the Education Building in the middle of the day, and there are always empty spots. Also, when I toured the campus my junior year of high school, they promised a parking deck by 2016. It is now 2017.”

It seems the parking controversy at Georgia College will continue, but until further developments occur, students and faculty can find updated parking maps at the GC Office of Parking and Transportation in the Depot.

“There is just not enough asphalt [or] white lines,” Bowen said. “With campus being squeezed between neighborhoods and downtown, we have never had a whole lot of space. We just have to work with what we’ve got.”



The Old Courthouse parking lot, one of many changes to parking across campus, is now a guest parking lot.

Ada Montgomery / Senior Photographer



# Young Bobcats ready to begin new adventure at GC

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As veteran Bobcats flocked back to Georgia College to begin the 2017-2018 school year, a large class of bright-eyed and bushy-tailed Bobkittens also arrived to see what the next four years have in store for them.

Two weeks into the new year, the freshmen class seems to be having positive experiences with their professors and their peers.

"Everyone is just friendly," said freshman Kyle King, a marketing major. "There's no one discriminating people, and I like that."

While many of the freshmen described how much they enjoyed the friendliness of the student body, freshman Trevor Sharpe, an environmental science major, listed other reasons for loving GC. "I like all the girls," Sharpe said.

Along with being intrigued by the female-to-male ratio on campus, Sharpe also said he enjoys GC's atmosphere.

"It's a smaller environment," Sharpe said. "And you pretty much see everyone around campus all the time, and the professors [are] all nice."

Sharpe originally planned to attend Georgia Southern, but he decided to come to Georgia College at the last minute.

Because GC has provided such a warm

and welcoming atmosphere, much of the Class of 2021 has planned to get involved on campus early in the year.

Sharpe has already signed up for an intramural flag football team, and he plans to rush a fraternity later this fall. Others like Clara Sulik, an early childhood education major, have already made plans to apply for GC's award-winning education cohort.

Freshman Jordan Peebles, undeclared, is excited to be on campus, and she even wants to work for the school.

"I'm trying to get an on-campus job right now," Peebles said. "I wanted to do the activities they have, like the rafting stuff they have at the community center."

Peebles is also enjoying the small class sizes and all the on-campus help she gets with her classes.

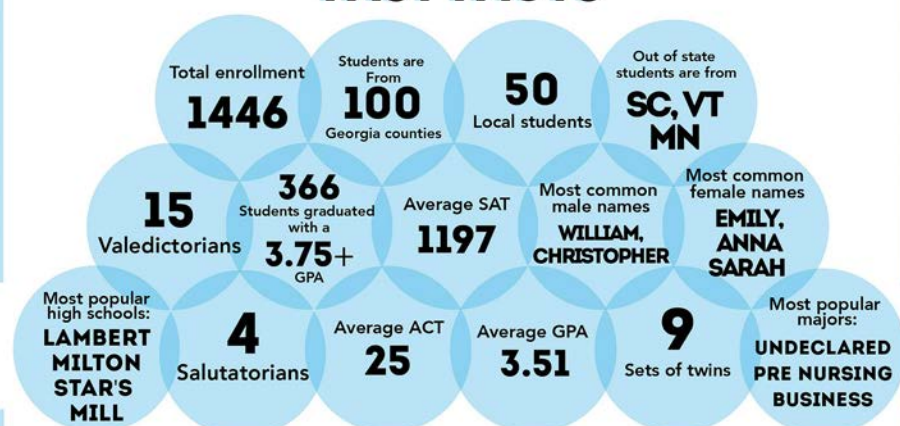
Like many of the freshmen, King also plans to get involved in clubs and activities on campus that appeal to his unique interests.

"I'm actually signing up for the International Club," said King, who wants to travel to Japan one day because he loves the culture.

So far, Georgia College's dynamic environment meets all the unique needs and interests of this year's freshmen class, and many freshmen like King said they are happy they chose GC instead of a larger university.

"I feel like if I had a problem, they would get to me more quickly than a big school would," King said. "I love it here."

## 2017 FRESHMEN CLASS FAST FACTS



## THIS WEEK AT GC

### A calendar of events

#### Senior Picnic 2017

**Wed. Sept. 6th @ 11 a.m.**  
**Magnolia Ballroom**

At this informal lunch with their senior classmates, GC seniors can learn about career services on campus, sign-up for their senior check-in meetings with the Career Center and meet sponsoring employers to learn about job opportunities.



#### Campus Carry Info Sessions

**Wed. Sept. 6th @ 2 p.m. AND**  
**Thurs. Sept. 7th @ 12 p.m.**  
**MSU Donahoo Lounge**

All members of the GC community are strongly encouraged to attend one information session on GA House Bill 280, commonly known as the "campus carry" legislation, which took effect on July 1, 2017.



#### Graduation Applications Due

**Fri. Sept. 8th @ 5 p.m.**  
**Registrar's Office**

All graduate and undergraduate students who plan to graduate in December 2017, May 2018 or August 2018 must file their graduation application with the Registrar's Office no later than Friday, Sept. 8, 2017. Applications are available online on the Registrar's website.



#### GC Soccer Home Opener

**Fri. Sept. 8th @ 7 p.m.**  
**Bobcat Field**

The GC women's soccer team will play its first home game against the Royals from the Queens University of Charlotte, North Carolina.



For more information, visit [frontpage.gcsu.edu](http://frontpage.gcsu.edu).



# Peach Belt, GC join the esports craze

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Contributing Writer

Georgia College will be making history this October as the Peach Belt becomes the first NCAA Division II conference to hold an esports championship.

Five players and one to two alternates will represent the school in the team's 11-week season, competing head-to-head against other PBC universities in League of Legends from developer Riot Games.

The PBC chose League of Legends as the featured game of its inaugural season because it is the most played online game in the world. It draws in over 100 million players each month. League of Legends also holds an impressive track record in esports, hosting over 1,700 competitive tournaments each year.

"In examining the growing culture of esports, we felt that there was an opportunity to be a leader in NCAA Division II, to do something no one else is doing and reach students who otherwise would have

no idea about our league or the membership," said Ken Gurlinger, PBC Assistant Commissioner for Strategic Communications.

"While esports is just beginning to extend its reach on the Georgia College campus, many students have already fully embraced the integration of esports into the athletic and greater GC collective.

"I already watch the North American professional League of Legends scene, so it's really exciting to see it come to our school," said senior Aaron Benson. "I think the addition of esports into the GC community will open up more people to the idea that video games can be a competitive sport."

In each match, the winner will be determined by a best of three series. Fans will be able to attend matches on campus to experience the excitement of a live game or stream them online through Twitch.

"The people who compete in esports are highly competitive and train just as hard as anybody else does

for traditional sports," said Bert Rosenberger, Director of Rec Sports at Georgia College. "There are many roles that students can play in this, whether they're players, club members, announcers, producers—there's a lot of interesting opportunities other than just the students who are competing in the game."

At the end of the season, the top eight teams will advance to the PBC Esports Championship. The team who rises above the rest will be crowned esports champion, an honor equivalent to the trophy and awards that all other PBC championship teams receive.

"Esports is the next X-Games. This is going to be a trend-setter unlike anything we've ever had," said Wendell Staton, Athletic Director of Georgia College. "It's rising in popularity among universities, and as a conference, we're out in front on this. Esports is another precedent that the Peach Belt Conference, and by extension Georgia College, is setting for the rest of the nation."



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competitive teams in NCAA



67

million players per month\*



1.6

billion in revenue in 2016\*\*

\*Between Europe and North America  
\*\*League of Legends owner Riot Games

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# GC Volleyball poised for success in 2017

**Graham Hill**  
*Staff Writer*

The Georgia College Women's Volleyball Team hopes to follow up the program's best season in 2016 with an even more successful 2017. Players and coaches are excited to see where the young team's talents will take them in the upcoming season.

2016 was full of milestones for the Bobcats. The team finished the season at 17-14, its first winning record in program history and made the NCAA regional rankings for the first time. While the team reached new heights in 2016, the Bobcats are looking to even bigger and better things in 2017.

"We want to make it to NCAA regionals, and we want to win conference," said junior Taylor Svehla.

Despite it still being early in the season, the team has already "meshed really well," according to head coach Gretchen Krumdieck, who is entering her fifth year at the helm. This skilled Georgia College team will need to work together in order to maximize success this season.

Although the team is young, with underclassmen occupying eight out of the 12 roster spots, Krumdieck said that this is one of the most talented teams the program has seen in its six-year history. Six seniors graduated last year, but the team has brought in six very talented freshmen. After the annual blue-green scrimmage, Krumdieck said she was very pleased with the performance of the team, especially the freshmen.

The team will rely on the leadership of program veterans, such as senior Chandler Ewaldsen, defensive specialist, junior middle blocker Taylor Svehla, and junior Ebony Powers, outside hitter.

When asked about her status as the only senior on the team, Ewaldsen said she was concerned about the task but equally enthusiastic. "Honestly, I was pretty nervous coming into it because I had no idea what to expect, but I'm super excited

to be that leader that people are looking to," Ewaldsen said.

Svehla and Powers are taking a big leadership role in helping the younger players acclimate to their new environment.

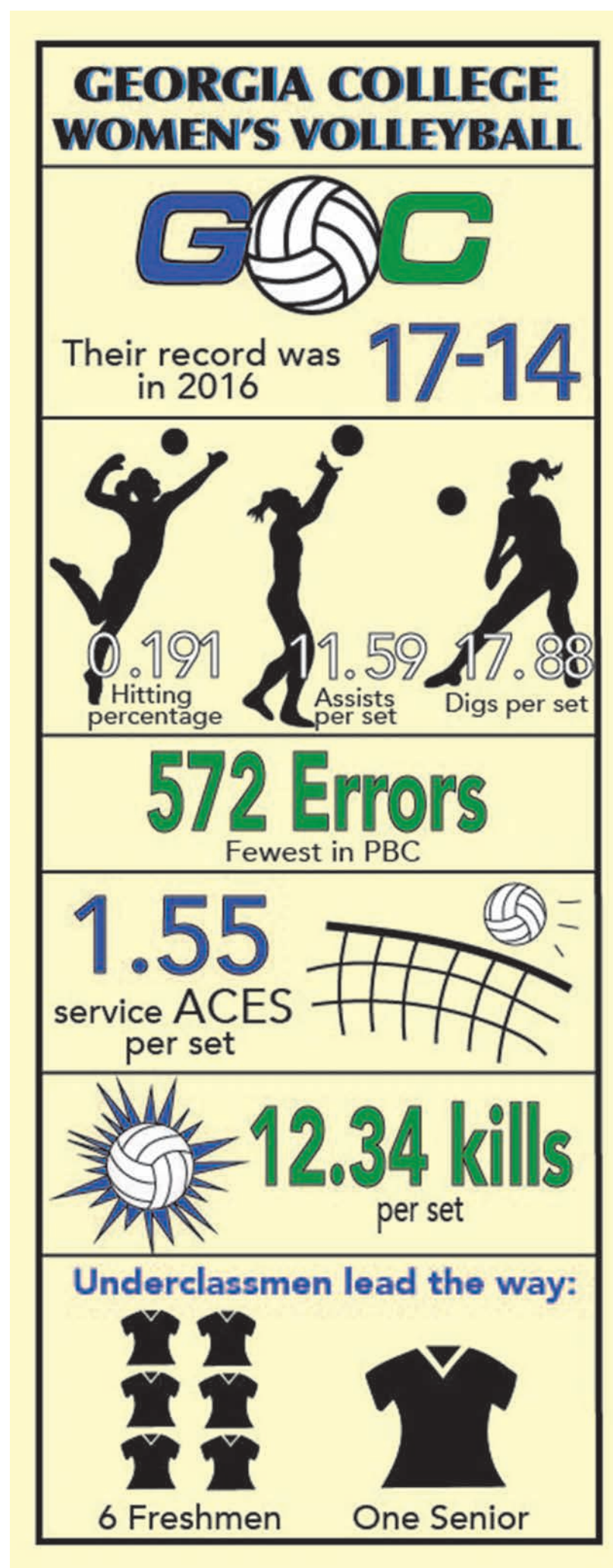
"[Taylor and I] both like to give advice to [the younger players], and they always come to us about whatever they need," said Powers.

Along with their leadership roles on the team, Ewaldsen, Svehla, and Powers all play a big role on the court. Ewaldsen, the team's defensive star, led the team in digs last year, averaging five per set. Svehla and Powers carry the offensive load; Svehla lead the way in 2016 with 322 kills and Powers right behind with 304. Despite their statistical similarities, the two hitters always root for each other on the court.

"If [Svehla] gets a set, I want her to put it away, and if I get set, I might put it away," said Powers. "I think it's just a trust between us two." Svehla threw it right back to her teammate, stating that Powers would absolutely get the job done as well.

Georgia College Volleyball fans will also want to keep an eye out for junior setter Kayla Brockway, who is the first setter in GC history with 2,000 assists.

Krumdieck said one of the main keys to success for the season will be communication, and she said that the team's chemistry is already helping them communicate well on the court. Krumdieck also said she was thrilled with her team's defense during the scrimmage and said that the team is in a really good spot at this early stage in the season. The Bobcats opened their season strong this past Friday, losing only one set in wins against Emmanuel (Ga.) and Valdosta State. Strong performances from veterans Svehla, Ewaldsen, Powers, and Brockway, along with an impressive showing from freshman Libby Bochinak, helped secure both victories. Powers and the rest of the Bobcats will travel to South Carolina at the end of the month to face their rivals, USC Aiken, in the first of two matchups this season. The Bobcats are looking forward to facing the Pacers at the Centennial Center on Nov. 4.







## Familiar place, new face

Ada Montgomery/Senior Photographer

**Rayna Perry**  
*Staff Writer*

Andalusia, the famed home of Flannery O'Connor, has attracted literary lovers to Milledgeville for decades. Early this August, the Andalusia Foundation gifted the farm to the GCSU Foundation.

The site has recently been closed to the public while Georgia College prepares for the future renovations. However, the significance of this storied site extends well into the past; as visitors cross the threshold of the house, they step into another time.

Andalusia is a wise, old friend with stories to share. The once operational dairy farm remained untouched for about forty years after Flannery O'Connor died before being reopened as a museum.

Many of the buildings surrounding the main house have fallen into disrepair. Matthew Davis, the Director of Georgia's Old Governor's Mansion, said that restoring

the site will prove to be a large job for Georgia College, as the buildings, wildlife, and future maintenance must be considered.

"The goal is to stay as close to the period as possible," said Davis, who will be overseeing the work at Andalusia. "We want to be good stewards of this gift."

Soon, students will be able to experience Andalusia as Flannery O'Connor once did. The restoration of the site is also intended to create opportunities for students in the form of internships, tours, and class programming. Just as O'Connor used Andalusia as a setting for her work, students will be able to utilize Andalusia to learn and explore.

"For all on campus, it's an exciting time," said Davis. "This is an opportunity for us to have full access."

The significance of changing the farm lies deeper than just the property itself. Andalusia is the backdrop for many of O'Connor's major works.

"Flannery wrote all of her important work in the

front room of that house, while disabled, living with her controlling mother," said Bruce Gentry, a professor of Flannery O'Connor at GCSU. "It's a kind of literary miracle that they managed to live there together. A lot of the farm went into the fiction."

Taking Andalusia under its wing, Georgia College has the opportunity to invest in this corner of history in the same way that it strives to invest in its students. After this restoration, Andalusia may become a muse, a teacher, a guide, and a friend to those who seek her knowledge.

"It won't change how we read [O'Connor]," Gentry said. "It will advertise her. It will get more people to pay attention."

The changes to Andalusia are meant to preserve and enhance her legacy, by bringing awareness of its role as a tangible connection to Flannery O'Connor. Andalusia is an exploration of the past, with a front porch to stand on.



**Q: What are your survival tips for freshman?**

Compiled by Ada Montgomery



"Always introduce yourself to the teachers the first week; get on their good side."  
- Matthew Weiss, sophomore, marketing major



"My advice for freshmen is manage your time wisely; make sure you get your work done efficiently in a timely manner."  
- Caleb Esuke, sophomore, pre-nursing major



"Find a cause you're passionate about, get really involved in that, and take whatever ideas you have and run with them..."  
- Madeline Oliff, senior, environmental science major



"The learning center is your best friend. They can help you with anything you have problems with—your homework, if you didn't understand what a teacher said in class. They can break it down for you."  
- Carine Seudieu, senior, chemistry major





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**Isabella Echeverria**  
 with Mary Kate Conner  
*Staff Writer*

Heard of the freshman fifteen? Fear not. Georgia College is doing its best to help you maintain a healthy diet and avoid the extra pounds without curbing your new freedom to eat whatever you want.

The largest on-campus eating option is the Maxwell Student Dining Hall, or The MAX, if you're a local. Here you will find various options, from pizza and burgers to international food to homemade meals.

The MAX has recently worked to increase their healthy options. Stacey Gibson, an employee at the MAX, said they have made several changes this year, including expanding vegan and vegetarian options, as well changing the way food is served to students.

"Our salad bar is no longer self-served. The salads are now hand-tossed," said Gibson. "Switching from self-serve to hand tossed allowed us to add protein such as ham and turkey to the salad bar."

Gibson said that now each food station has labels as well to identify health-conscious items.

Jarvis William, a long-time MAX supervisor with fifteen years of experience, said that they use coconut oil, and they try to steam and bake a lot of the food instead of frying.

If you don't have time for a full meal or are in the mood for a sandwich, just underneath The MAX is Subway. Since the sub shop allows you to choose your own toppings, it serves as a great opportunity to get creative and make something healthy.

Next door to Subway is Einstein Bros, which offers fresh bagels, sandwiches, muffins, and cookies. Andre Warren, an Einstein employee, said that they offer salads, fruit cups, and yogurt as healthier options.

Students themselves offered their own advice for how to maintain healthy habits and keep your figure. One freshman suggested cooking for yourself.

"If you are living on the dorms and have a fridge, buy some chicken and vegetables," said freshman Samantha Fisher, a pre-nursing major. "There are kitchens downstairs, so cooking your own meals is definitely an option."

Next time you're hungry, look beyond the pizza line at The Max and explore some healthier options nearby.

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